

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for temporarily flattening a sheet. The sheet is then processing in the flattened configuration. Thereafter, the sheet is secured to a second sheet while continuing to hold the sheet in a flattened configuration.

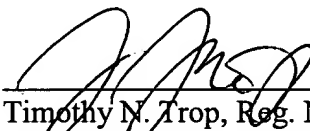
The office action never suggests anywhere in Baker where it is taught to process the sheet in the temporary flattened configuration. (It is noted that material appears to be missing between the bottom of page 2 of the office action and the top of page 3). Baker simply skips the intermediate step and immediately positions the flattened sheet on the second sheet and secures them together.

With the claimed invention, the flattened sheet may be processed in the flattened configuration. Baker teaches away. Baker processes the sheet that needs to be flattened prior to bringing the sheets together and prior to flattening the sheet. As a result, when components are added to the sheet, and then the sheet is flattened, those components may be stressed and damaged. The claimed invention is a more advantageous way of assembling components.

Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims should patentably distinguish over the art of record. For the same reason, claims 12 and 16 and their dependent claims should patentably distinguish over the cited reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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